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Dear Prospective Site 300 Neighbor:

We appreciate your interest in Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) national security facility. This letter provides you with some basic information about the Laboratory and Site 300, as well as resources that will help you learn more about the environmental relationship with the local community.

The Laboratory was founded in 1952, first under the auspices of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, and later DOE. It is currently managed by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (<http://www.llnslc.com>) for DOE/NNSA and employs approximately 8,000 personnel. Additional information about the early days of the Laboratory can be found here: <https://www.llnl.gov/about/history>.

Site 300 is situated on 7,000 acres in rural foothills approximately six miles southwest of downtown Tracy and 15 miles southeast of Livermore. It was established in 1955 as a non-nuclear explosives experimental test facility to support the Laboratory's national security mission.

Environmental contamination at Site 300 was first detected in the early 1980s and was attributed to releases of contaminants from various early program activities. Since that time, the Laboratory, under the oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, has made considerable progress in cleaning up these substances. These measures include ground water and soil vapor treatment, soil excavation, and landfill capping. It is anticipated that the cleanup of this on-site contamination will involve several more decades of effort. Please be assured, however, that as this activity continues there is no health risk to the community from the presence of these contaminants.

If you would like to learn more about the Laboratory's environmental remediation activities, please see the LLNL website: <https://enviroinfo.llnl.gov>. It features a link to the *Site Annual Environmental Report*, environmental compliance documents and various other environment-related subjects. Additionally, hard copies of some current LLNL environmental reports and documents are available in document repositories at the Livermore and Tracy public libraries.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please contact me at (925) 423-3125 or via e-mail at wilson101@llnl.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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